

Regular meeting of the City Council
Austin, Tex., Jan., 1874

His Honor J. B. Wheeler, in the chair called the Council to order; the roll being called the following named Aldermen, answered to their names, C. Premond, G. F. Boardman, J.

Dobson, B. H. Todd, Christian A. Beloty, W. Brueggerhoff, John H. Robinson, H. B. McMillan. Minutes of the month of December 1873, were read, and adopted.

The report of the judges of the special election held on the 13th day of December 1873, in ward 1, of the City of Austin, for Alderman of said Ward, was presented and received, and H. B. Beloty who having been elected was sworn into office.

Petition of Louis Breshiani praying for the privilege to retail spirituous liquors in quantities less than one quart was read, and granted.

Petition of W. J. Boone praying to complete his frame building now in erection on Block No. 18, which is within the fire limits, was read, and granted.

Petition of W. R. Robinson praying for the privilege to open a butcher stall in ward No. 8, was read, and granted.

Ald. Brueggerhoff chairman of the Fire Committee to whom was referred the petitions of H. B. Brush and W. H. McMillan, reported, adverse to granting said petitions. The report was on motion adopted. Reports of City Physician for the months of November and December 1873, were read and received.

The matter of Alex. Dennis contestant for the office of City Surveyor was then brought before the Council, the matter discussed by the Council and also by the counsel for C. F. Witlock. After a lengthy discussion Ald. Brueggerhoff moved it at the bond of C. F. Witlock executed by him for the faithful performances of his duties etc. as City Surveyor be approved. The motion was carried.

The yeas and nays being called and the bond was approved by the following vote: Yeas, Ald. Dohme, Christian, Scholz, Brueggerhoff Mitz & Todd, Nays, Ald. Bremond, Boardman, Robinson and Mitchell. Ald. Boardman ordered to have his vote changed to yes instead of no, that he was not aware of the question before the council at the time of his voting.

Ald. Brueggerhoff offered the following resolution: Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that the election of C. L. Witschke as City Sexton on November 28th 1873, is hereby ratified.

The yeas and nays were called for on the adoption of the resolution, resulting as follows: Yeas Ald. Christian, Dohme, Todd, Scholz Brueggerhoff and Mitz. Nays, Ald. Bremond, Boardman, Robinson and Mitchell, so the resolution was adopted.

Ald. Brueggerhoff introduced an ordinance regulating the license tax upon Merchants, the ordinance was read received, and then referred to a special committee of three, whereupon His Honor appointed Ald. Brueggerhoff, Bremond and Robinson.

Ald. Boardman offered the following resolution: Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that for the better security and preservation of the Records and Documents belonging to the City Government, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to purchase a safe for such purposes. On motion the resolution was referred to Committee on Finances.

Bills of W. H. Wilson and J. B. Barron were presented, J. B. Barron dated Sept. 1st 1871 with a balance due of \$125 W. H. Wilson, being dated Jan 11th 1872, showing a balance due of \$22.70. These parties asking for a City Warrant on said bills, but no action was taken.

Ald. Brueggerhoff offered the following resolution: Be it resolved, that the Fire Committee is hereby instructed to revise an ordinance which will be plain and to cover any objections that may arise from the present ordinance, and showing the public

and all interested that no appeal from the City Council can be had against the strict enforcement of said ordinance. The resolution was on motion adopted.

Ald. Bremond moved that the Street Committee be authorized to have the gutter fixed in front of the Fire Engine House. The motion was carried. On motion of Ald. Bremond the Council adjourned to 7½ o'clock Friday evening Jan. 9th 1873.

Fred. Sturzinger
Recorder.

Report of the Judges of Election, held December the 13th 1873, for Alderman of the first Ward.

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We the undersigned judges & clerks of the election held in Ward No 1 of the City of Austin, for Alderman of said Ward, December 13th 1873, certify that the above is a correct and true return of the same.

C. A. Thompson)
Joe A. Costa) Clerks
)

H. C. Penneror)
Robt. Barr) Judges
Frd. Marshal)

The above report is a true Copy.

Fred. Sturzinger
Recorder.

John B. Whalen *W. H. Foy* *John N. Long* *John C. Tracy* *J. H. Coffey* *John M. Heney* *John C. Ballou* *Held before* *C. A. Ladd* *John James* *E. Brown* *Left after* *John B. Bowes* *Co. Monroe*

By the undersigned Judges of
return of the Election for City Officers, for
the 3^d day of November A. D. 1870.

Postmaster
S. P. Phillips
F. W. Glezn
John Lovishen Jr.
A. Sampson } Clerks
of
Election

of Austin State of Texas Nov. 3rd 1873 for City Officers

Electors hereby certify that the above is a correct
copy of the election held at Austin, Texas, on

Joseph Lee
W. C. Bartholomew
James B. Barron
J. Farrell
W. M. Myers
Ed. Finnigan } Judges
of
Election

Council Room
Austin Tex January 9/17.

City Council met pursuant to adjournment. His Honor J. B. Wheeler in the chair called the Council to order, the Roll being called, the following named Aldermen answered to their names, T. A. Vit,

G. T. Bourdonan, Wm. Brueggerhoff, J. L. Hobson,
H. C. M. Metz, G. B. Mitchell, John H. Robinson,
A. Scholty, B. H. Todd, Absent Ald., E. Bremond
Ed. Christian.

The Committee which was instructed to revise the ordinance "Defining the fire limits" reported and introduced the following ordinance:

An ordinance regulating the fire limits of the City of Austin.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Austin.

Sec. 1st That the fire limits of the city of Austin shall embrace the following Blocks of ground fronting Congress Avenue, Numbers 30, 42, 56, 69, 84, 97, 111, 123, on the East side, and Numbers 29, 43, 55, 70, 83, 98, 110, 124, on the West side. Also the following Blocks fronting Main Street Numbers 71, 72, 54, 53, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 64, 65, 66, 67 and 68, said Blocks being more fully described on the map of the City of Austin now in the Mayors Office for reference.

Sec. 2nd It shall not be lawful to erect, built, place, move or enlarge any wooden building whatever constructed of wood or wooden roof on any of the Blocks enumerated in the first preceding section.

Sec. 3rd Each and every Building of any size or kind hereafter erected on any of said Blocks as described in section one, shall have walls and roof constructed of fire proof material, using for walls brick, stone or Concrete and for roof slate, tin or iron.

Sec. 4th Whenever any wooden building now standing within said fire limits shall be damaged by fire or otherwise or need repairs, the rebuilding or repairing of the same is hereby prohibited. Unless the owner shall use fire proof material

such as enumerated in the preceding section, to rebuild or repair the same.

Sec. 5th Any person who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and fined as in other cases of misdemeanor, and each day that such building or other improvement remains shall be deemed a separate offense. And the city Marshal is hereby authorized to wage said building or improvement, and collect the expense attending the same from the person owning, or erecting said building or improvement.

Sec. 6th That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, and that this ordinance take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

On motion of Ald. Boardman the rules were suspended the ordinance read the second time, on motion of Ald. Robinson the rules were further suspended the ordinance read the third time and the yeas and nays being called the ordinance passed by the following vote:

Yea, Ald. Boardman, W. Breiggerhoff, Orville, Mazy, Mitchell, Robinson, Scholy and Todd.
Nay; None

Ald. Robinson moved that two of the present mounted police be dismounted. Carried.
Ald. Boardman moved that the Mayor be authorized to issue a city warrant of \$150⁰⁰ to the City Recorder for services rendered as registrar of voters for the city of Austin. which motion was carried, unanimously.

On motion of Ald. Robinson the Council adjourned.

John Sterzing
Recorder